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The barracks of Artillery Regiment Mr.2 are located two kilometers south from 1. the center of Vratsa, on the west side of the Vratsa-Mesdra-Botevgrad road. These barracks are very old.

## Organisation

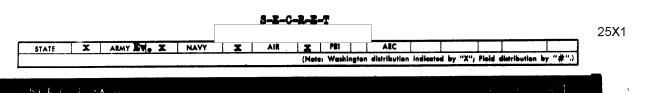
- 2. Artillery Regiment Mr.2 has the following breakdown:
  - a. Regimental staff, as follows:
    - 1) Regimental Commander;
    - Deputy Regimental Commander and Political Officer;
    - Regimental Adjudent;
    - Weapons and Munitions Officer;

    - (i) Weapons and Munitions Of (5) Liaison Officer; (6) Administrative Officer;
    - Chief Cashier; and
    - (8) Regimental Physician.
  - b. Regimental Staff Battery as follows:

    - (1) Machine, gun team; (2) Telephone communications team; and
    - (3) Radio communications team.

The commander of the Staff Battery is a Captain. Each team has one officer, one non-commissioned officer, and 25 troops.

- c. I Battalion
- d. II Battalion



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- e. III Battalion
- f. Each Battalion has a staff as follows:
  - (1) Commander, a major;
  - (2) Deputy Commander and Political Officer, a captain:
  - (3) Administrative Officer, a lieutenant;
  - (4) Telephone Communications Officer; (5) Radio Communications Officer; and
  - (6) Mess Officer.
- g. Each Battalion has three Batteries numbered as follows:

  - (1) Batteries 1, 2, and 3 in I Battalion; (2) Batteries 4, 5, and 6 in II Battalion; and
  - (3) Batteries 7, 8, and 9 in III Battalion.

The Battery Commander is usually a First Lieutenant and the gun-commander is usually a non-commissioned officer. Each Battery consists of four teams, each team having one gun. Each gun has the following troop personnel attached to it:

- (1) One gun-commander; (2) One fire director and gun-service man;
- (3) One auxiliary fire director;
- 4) Four artillerymen; and
- (5) Four ammunition loaders.

# Equipment

- 3. Each Battery in the II Battalion is furnished with four 122 mm. guns provided by the Soviets. These guns are mounted on a carriage with a single axle, rubber tires, and a frame that can be taken apart into two parts. The guns can be motor-drawn. The ammunition used with these guns are schrapnel and armorpiercing shells.
- Every gun-commander is provided with a pocket watch, a distance calculator, of Soviet manufacture ("DJA"), and a 7.62 mm. pistel of Soviet make.
- 5. Each officer carries a 7.62 mm. pistol, the same as carried by gun-commanders.
- 6. The troops are issued Soviet-made guns with cylindrical-type magasines.
- 7. The Regimental Service Echelon is furnished with Soviet IXV's.
- 8. There is also a Regimental Workshop Team (no info).

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1.	Officers' building, one-story	
2.	Hospital and sickroom	
3.	Regimental Headquarters a. Kitchen b. One to three-story troops' quarters c. Ground floor: Dining hall, tailor shop, cobbler shop, and uniform- supply room d. Basement: Uniform storage and fitting room	
4.	Technical school and magazine	
5.	Battalion headquarters	
6.	Gun storage building	
7.	Garage	
8.	Munitions warehouse	
9.	Storeroom building	
10.	One-story building: Cinema, lecture hall, and officers dining hall	
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